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salaries would certainly rest with that massive document that we are going to receive somewhere in mid March and that's the budgetary process. So let's not get our direction wrong as to what this specific piece of legislation will do. Please bear this in mind, number one - it does not call for a salary increase, number two - it does not specify the job descriptions or the job qualifications of the director of that particular department and number three - the legislative control is still contained through the budgetary process. Let's grant this bill.

SPEAKER: Is there any further discussion? If not, Senator Warner do you care to close?

SENATOR WARNER: Mr. President, only this, Senator Lewis' has pointed out, the control still remains in the budget act just as we can, use for every and any other office, and again I would advise you that the director of health is the only one that is set by statute as I understand it or at least about the only one, legislature took the position some years ago that the other code department should be handled in the budget, the director of health is the only one left without, Senator Luedtke pointed out what the statutes now 71-2609 very specifically require an M.D. to be the head of the Department and to be licensed to practice in Nebraska, and what we are talking about in this bill is doing what many of you have said, that is treating everybody the same, this is what we are doing, is putting that position the same as others, Senator Marvel has pointed out the importance of the pay plan, which has had a lot of work put into it for a good many years, and again to set a statute, or salary by statute again would go contrary to pay

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